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1. SUMMARY: THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE (CC) OF MOZAMBIQUE'S RULING PARTY, FRELIMO, EXPELLED FIVE OF ITS MEMBERS FROM THE CC ON AUGUST 16. MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE JOAQUIM RIBEIRO DE CARVALHO WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT OF THOSE PURGED THE CC CONDUCTED A REVIEW OF THE BEHAVIOR OF ITS MEMBERS DURING ITS 7-16 SESSION. CHARGES LEVELED AGAINST THE FIVE INCLUDED DEVIATION FROM FRELIMO PRINCIPLES, INDISCIPLINE AND VARIOUS FORMS OF SEXUAL MORAL, AND MATERIAL CORRUPTION. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT SENIOR PARTY MEMBERS HAVE BEEN PUBLICLY DISCIPLINED SINCE MOZAMBIQUE BECAME INDEPENDENT IN 1975. END SUMMARY.

2. THE HIGHEST TO FALL FROM FAVOR WAS MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE JOAQUIM RIBEIRO DE CARVALHO, WHO WAS RANKED 30TH ON AN UNOFFICIAL FRELIMO PROTOCOL LIST PUBLISHED LAST JANUARY. CARVALHO WAS REMOVED

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AS MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE ON AUGUST 18. HE IS A MOZAMBIQUE MULATTO BORN IN INHAMBANE WHO IS RATED AS A COMPETENT ADMINISTRATOR BY THOSE WHO WORKED WITH HIM. HIS MAIN ERROR SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN FAILURE TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT ASSISTANCE AND EMPHASIS TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNAL VILLAGES A PRIORITY GOAL OF THE GOVERNMENT. ONE OBSERVER SAID CARVALHO THOUGHT THAT COMMUNAL VILLAGES WOULD NOT BE EFFICIENT PRODUCERS OF COMMODITIES, AND

HE PREFERRED TO DEVOTE THE MINISTRY'S LIMITED RESEOURCES TO STATE FARMS AND TO ASSIST THOSE PRIVATE FARMERS STILL IN OPERATION. CARVALHO'S EDUCATION AND BACKGROUND MADE HIM SOMETHING OF A TECHNOCRAT IN A COUNTRY WHERE MANAGEMENT EXPERTISE IS VERY THIN. AND CHARGES THAT HE DID NOT "HAVE FAITH IN THE PEOPLE" AND THAT HE "DISREGARDED COMMUNAL PRODUCTION" PROBABLY STEM FROM HIS DESIRE TO INCREASE AGRICULTURAL PRODCUTION AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE AND HIS VIEWS THAT THIS WAS BEST ACCOMPLISHED BY USING EXISTING ENTITIES RATHER THAN REALLOCATING RESOURCES TO DEVELOP NEW COMMUNAL VILLAGES. ABOUT ONE MILLION MOZAMBIQUEANS LIVE IN 1500 COMMUNAL VILLAGES, BUT MANY OF THESE EXISTED IN LIBERATED AREAS BEFORE INDEPENDENCE. THE GPTM HAS SHOWN SOME DISPLEASURE OVER THE SLOW GROWTH OF VILLAGES AND A SEPARATE COMMISSION WAS CREATED EARLY THIS YEAR TO COORDINATE THEIR DEVELOPMENT OUTSIDE THE AGRICULTURE MINISTRY.

3. CARVALHO WAS ALSO ACCUSED OF A NUMBER OF OTHER FAULTS WHICH INCLUDED INDIVIDUALISM EGOISM, VANITY ELITISM, LIBERTINISM, DISRESPECT FOR WOMEN, AND GENERAL INDISCIPLINE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT CARVALHO WAS RECENTLY REFUSED PERMISSION BY THE PARTY TO MARRY HIS WHITE GIRLFRIEND. WHO IS PREGNANT. ANOTHER REPORT SAYS THAT ALL CC MEMBERS WERE INVITED TO SUBMIT A LIST OF SELF CRITICISMS TO THE CC PRIOR TO ITS LATEST MEETING, AND CARVALHO WAS THE ONLY MINISTER WHO REFUSED TO TAKE PART IN THIS EXERCISE. CARVALHO MAY HAVE ALSO LOST FAVOR OVER THE HANDLING OF THE RECENT RICE HARVEST AT CHOKUE WHERE THE OVER APPLICATION OF FERTILIZER CAUSED THE RICE TO GROW IN A WAY THAT MADE IT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IMPOSSIBLE TO HARVEST BY MACHINE. ABOUT 35,000 PERSONS WERE RUSHED IN TO SAVE THE CROP BY USING MANUAL LABOR, AND WHILE MACHEL PRAISED THE EXERCISE AS A "PEOPLE'S EFFORT" HE ALSO CRITICISED THE FAULTY PLANNING WHICH MADE IT NECESSARY.

4. EMBASSY KNOWS VERY LITTLE ABOUT THE OTHER FOUR MEMBERS OF THE CC WHO WERE EXPELLED: LUIS ALFACEN ARTHUR TAIMO, MANUEL MAJICHE, AND CAETANO DE OLIVERA MASSAKA. ALFACE WAS CHARGED AS FORMER COLLABORATOR OF PIDE (PORTUGUESE SECURITY POLICE) WHO INFILTRATED AND REPORTED ON A GROUP OF BURGOS PRIESTS IN MANICA PROVINCE BEFORE INDEPENDENCE. AFTER INDEPENDENCE HE BECAME ACTIVE IN FRELIMO AND HE WAS ACCUSED OF USING HIS CC POSITION TO ENRICH HIMSELF WHILE CAUSING A RELAXATION OF VIGILANCE WHICH AIDED RHODESIAN ATTACKS ON MOZAMBIQUE. ALFACE WAS EXPELLED FROM THE CC AND THE PARTY. ARTHUR TAIMO WAS CHARGED WITH HAVING BEEN A MEMBER OF THE OLD PORTUGUESE POLITICAL PARTY ANP. HE DENIED THIS ASSOCIATION AND BECAME ACTIVE IN FRELIMO. THAIMO WAS EXPELLED FROM BOTH THE CC AND THE PARTY. MANUEL MANJICHE A LONG STANDING MEMBER OF FRELIMO AND A ARMY COMMANDANT WAS CHARGED WITH CORRUPTION ARROGANCE AND IMMORALITY. MAJICHE WAS STRIPPED OF HIS ARMY POSITION AS WELL AS BEING REMOVED FROM CC AND PARTY FUNCTIONS. CAETANO DE OLIVEIRA MASSAKA WAS ACCUSED

OF TAKING BRIBES FROM "CAPITALISTS" AND USING HIS PARTY POST FOR PERSONAL GAIN. IN ADDITION TO HIS REMOVAL FROM THE CC, HE IS STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

5. COMMENT. FRELIMO HAS ALWAYS PRIDED ITSELF ON IDEOLOGICAL PURITY AND THE CORRECT BEHAVIOR OF ITS MEMBERS. THE PURGE OF FIVE OF THE TOP SIXTY PARTY MEMBERS WILL SERVE AS AN EXAMPLE TO ALL MOZAMBICANS THAT NO OFFICIAL IS FREE FROM PARTY DISCIPLINE. SEVERAL OF THE FALLEN WERE ACCUSED WITH CRITICISING THE PARTY OUTSIDE OF ITS STRUCTUREZ AND THEREBY VIOLATING DEMOCRATIC CENTRALISM. WE EXPECT THAT THIS FURTHER INHIBIT DEBATE ABOUT NATIONAL AND PARTY PROBLEMS AND CAUSE MOZAMBICANS TO BECOME EVEN MORE CIRCUMSPECT IN THOUGH WORD, AND DEED. ALL FIVE COULD BE SEND TO "REEDUCATION CENTERS" BUT WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON THIS POSSIBILITY. CARV-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALHO'S EXPERTISE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ABILITY WILL BE SORELY MISSED IN A MINISTRY AND GOVERNMENT LACKING COMPETENT MANAGERS. MCGUIRE

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